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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SPRING TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information concerning the commercial spring troll fishery:

The spring troll areas and Terminal Harvest Areas (THA) listed below will remain open until further notice:

Ketchikan (101-29)	West Behm (101-90)	Neets Bay THA (101-95)
Clarence Strait (106-20)	Steamer Point (106-30)	Ernest Sound (107-10)
Anita Bay THA (107-35)	Port Armstrong THA (109-11)	Frederick Sound (110-31)
Chatham Strait (112-12)	Hidden Falls THA (112-22)	Sitka Sound (113-41)

The spring troll areas listed below will be open according to the following schedule. All areas will open at 12:01 a.m. of the opening date and close at 11:59 p.m. of the closing date. The openings may be extended if the Alaska hatchery contributions are high. Information on extensions will be given in a future news release.

SCHEDULE OF TROLL OPENINGS:

Ketchikan area:

West Rock (101-21)	June 26-27
Point Alava (101-41)	June 24-30
Stone Rock Bay (102-09)	June 22-26
Kendrick Bay (102-10)	June 22-30

Petersburg/Wrangell area:

Sumner Strait (105-41)	June 24-26
Snow Pass (106-41)	June 27-30
Chichagof Pass (108-10)	June 22-30

Chatham Strait area:

Little Port Walter (109-10)	June 22-30
Tebenkof Bay (109-62)	CLOSED

Sitka area:

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Western Channel (113-01)	June 24-26
Redoubt Bay (113-30)	June 24-26
Biorka Island (113-31)	June 24
Goddard (113-32)	June 24-25
Salisbury Sound (113-62)	June 24-27

Pelican/Icy Strait area:

Lisianski Inlet (113-95) June 24-28 Port Althorp (114-50) June 24-26

Northern Chatham Strait (112-16) June 24-27 *Pink and chum salmon retention only *Chinook, coho, and sockeye must be offloaded prior to fishing in the Northern Chatham Strait

area, since retention of those species is not allowed in that area per 5 AAC 29.114(b).

The following areas will be open June 22-30:

Hawk Inlet (112-65) Stag Bay (113-97) Cross Sound (114-21) South Passage (114-23) Homeshore (114-25) Point Sophia (114-27)

Yakutat area:

Yakutat Bay (183-10) CLOSED

REVISED AREA DESCRIPTIONS:

West Behm Canal (Fishery area 101-91): Waters of West Behm Canal, west of the longitude of Chin Point, enclosed by a line from Brow Point to a point 1 mile west of Brow Point at 55°50.13′ N. lat., 131°44.16′ W. long.), then south to a point at 55°43.92′ N. lat., 131°45.44′ W. long. (located 1 mile west of the northernmost tip of Bushy Point), then south to a point at 55°39.09′ N. lat., 131°44.69′ W. long. (located 1 mile west of Escape Point), to the northernmost tip of Grant Island, then due east to a point on the Revillagigedo Island shoreline.

In Neets Bay, the waters east of the longitude of Chin Point to the longitude of the easternmost tip of Bug Island became part of the expanded Neets Bay THA as of June 9.

Stone Rock Bay (Fishery area 102-09): new area: Waters of Clarence Strait north of the latitude of 54°43.34′ N. lat., **west** of the longitude of 131°56.42′ W. long., and south of the latitude of the southernmost tip of the northern entrance to Stone Rock Bay at 54°45.98′ N. lat.

<u>Sitka Sound Area (Fishery area 113-41)</u>: Within the waters of the Sitka Sound Area fishery, **Silver Bay** will be open with the exception of Bear Cove, which is closed east of a line between the ADF&G regulatory markers located within the cove.

CODED-WIRE-TAGGED FISH

The heads of all adipose fin-clipped salmon must remain attached to the fish until the fish are sold [5 AAC 29.140 (b)]. Permit holders who freeze their catch onboard are asked to contact the department prior to fishing so that sampling and fish ticket issues can be discussed. An Exemption Permit is required to allow the removal of heads from Chinook salmon harvested in the spring areas prior to delivery.

CATCH REPORTING

It is extremely important to keep fish caught in different fishery areas separated so that accurate dockside sampling can occur by department personnel. In order to maximize the harvest of Alaska hatchery-produced Chinook salmon in the spring fisheries, catches must be reported accurately. If more than one area or fishery is fished, or fish are kept for more than one period, each troller and tender is required to keep and report these catches separately on separate fish tickets (5AAC 29.130). The fishery name and the fishery area number must be reported on all fish tickets, as well as dates that the fishing trip started and ended. All fish legally retained in the commercial salmon troll fishery, whether for sale or retained for personal use, must be recorded on a fish ticket.

GROUNDFISH BYCATCH

Fishermen are reminded that lingcod may be taken as bycatch in the salmon troll fishery through November 30, or until lingcod area allocations are taken, whichever occurs first. The amount of lingcod bycatch allowed in the troll fishery varies by Lingcod Management Area. Lingcod retention closures will occur as allocations are taken. For additional information on groundfish bycatch in the salmon troll fishery, refer to the 2013 Spring Troll Fishery Management Plan, the department news release issued

January 2, "Groundfish Bycatch in the Commercial Troll Fishery", or contact the groundfish staff in Sitka at 907-747-6688.

2013 Spring Chinook Harvest and Effort					
	Current Wee		Cumulative		
Spring Troll Area	Landings Harves		Landings	Harvest	
West Rock (101-21)	3	25	28	779	
Ketchikan (101-29)	43	731	216	2,473	
Point Alava (101-41)			6	72	
West Behm Canal (101-90)	*	*	6	22	
Stone Rock Bay (102-09)	6	170	32	528	
Kendrick Bay (102-10)	*	*	45	645	
Sumner Strait (105-41)	*	*	119	1,364	
Clarence Strait (106-20)			4	54	
Steamer Point (106-30)	6	71	23	204	
Snow Pass (106-41)			5	11	
Ernest Sound (107-10)	*	*	22	182	
Chichagof Pass (108-10)	11	45	75	498	
Little Port Walter (109-10)**	14	536	91	1,529	
Tebenkof Bay (109-62)**	24	1,290	200	5,156	
Frederick Sound (110-31)	4	12	47	190	
Chatham Strait (112-12)**	6	65	87	762	
Hawk Inlet (112-65)			16	43	
Western Channel (113-01)	20	274	113	1,350	
Redoubt Bay (113-30)	8	199	35	395	
Biorka Island (113-31)	19	628	48	808	
Goddard (113-32)	6	397	17	510	
Sitka Sound (113-41)	62	986	350	4,069	
Salisbury Sound (113-62)	*	*	15	207	
Lisianski Inlet (113-95)			18	143	
Stag Bay (113-97)			*	*	
Cross Sound (114-21)			23	195	
South Passage (114-23)	*	*	8	9	
Homeshore (114-25)	69	34	392	292	
Point Sophia (114-27)	10	4	28	22	
Port Althorp (114-50)	*	*	32	243	
Yakutat Bay (183-10)	12	258	97	920	
Totals for Region	338	5,848	2,199	23,677	
*Data is confidential when harvest for	•	rmits is rep	orted		

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is 1S1613.

The spring troll fishery webpage can be found at:

http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_trollspring.

News releases web site: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main.

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^{**}Weekly landing and harvest data delayed, tender deliveries still pending.